

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the Claims as follows:

Claims 1-50 (Canceled)

Claim 51 (Currently Amended) A toner container for use with an image forming apparatus, comprising:

a container body configured to store toner and including,

a first end having a first mouth and configured to interface with a setting portion of the image forming apparatus, and

a second end opposite to the first end; and

a recess positioned at the second end and configured to interface with a retaining member of the image forming apparatus,

wherein the container body includes an outer housing and an inner bag.

Claim 52 (Canceled)

Claim 53 (Currently Amended): The toner container of claim ~~52~~ 51, wherein the recess is integrally formed with the outer housing.

Claim 54 (Currently Amended): The toner container of claim ~~52~~ 51, wherein the outer housing is made of a rigid material and the inner bag is made of a deformable material.

Claim 55 (Currently Amended): ~~The~~ A toner container for use with an image forming apparatus, comprising: ~~of claim 51,~~

a container body configured to store toner and including,

a first end having a first mouth and configured to interface with a setting
portion of the image forming apparatus, and
a second end opposite to the first end; and
a recess positioned at the second end and configured to interface with a retaining
member of the image forming apparatus,

wherein the recess is located at a surface edge of the second end.

Claim 56 (Previously Presented): The toner container of claim 51, wherein,
the second end includes a surface having at least two edges, and
the recess is located at one of the at least two edges.

Claim 57 (Previously Presented): The toner container of claim 51, further
comprising:

a mouthpiece member positioned at the first mouth, the mouthpiece member including
a second mouth configured to allow toner stored in the container body to be discharged from
the container body; and

a shutter configured to control passage of toner through the second mouth.

Claim 58 (Previously Presented): The toner container of claim 57, wherein,
the shutter allows passage of toner through the second mouth when the toner
container is mounted on the setting portion, and

the shutter prevents passage of toner through the second mouth when the toner
container is not mounted on the setting portion.

Claim 59 (Currently Amended): ~~The~~ A toner container for use with an image forming apparatus, comprising: of claim 57,

a container body configured to store toner and including,

a first end having a first mouth and configured to interface with a setting portion of the image forming apparatus, and

a second end opposite to the first end;

a recess positioned at the second end and configured to interface with a retaining member of the image forming apparatus;

a mouthpiece member positioned at the first mouth, the mouthpiece member including a second mouth configured to allow toner stored in the container body to be discharged from the container body; and

a shutter configured to control passage of toner through the second mouth,

wherein the shutter includes a piston and a biasing member.

Claim 60 (Currently Amended): A toner container for use with an image forming apparatus, comprising:

a container body configured to store toner and including,

a first end having a first mouth and configured to interface with a setting portion of the image forming apparatus, and

a second end opposite to the first end; and

means for interfacing with a retaining member of the image forming apparatus, wherein the means for interfacing is arranged at the second end,

wherein the container body includes an outer housing and an inner bag.

Claim 61 (Canceled)

Claim 62 (Currently Amended): The toner container of claim ~~61~~ 60, wherein the means for interfacing is integrally formed with the outer housing.

Claim 63 (Currently Amended): The toner container of claim ~~61~~ 60, wherein the outer housing is made of a rigid material and the inner bag is made of a deformable material.

Claim 64 (Previously Presented): The toner container of claim 60, wherein the means for interfacing is located at a surface edge of the second end.

Claim 65 (Previously Presented): The toner container of claim 60, wherein, the second end includes a surface having at least two edges, and the means for interfacing is located at one of the at least two edges.

Claim 66 (Previously Presented): The toner container of claim 60, further comprising:

a mouthpiece member positioned at the first mouth, the mouthpiece member including a second mouth configured to allow toner stored in the container body to be discharged from the container body; and

means for controlling passage of toner through the second mouth.

Claim 67 (Previously Presented): The toner container of claim 66, wherein, the means for controlling allows passage of toner through the second mouth when the toner container is mounted on the setting portion, and

the means for controlling prevents passage of toner through the second mouth when the toner container is not mounted on the setting portion.

Claim 68 (Previously Presented): A method of mounting a toner container to an image forming apparatus,

the toner container including,

a container body storing toner,

a recess arranged on an exterior surface of the container body, and

a shutter arranged at a mouth of the container body and configured to selectively allow and prevent discharge of the toner from the container body, and the image forming apparatus including,

a container holder including a resilient portion and configured to receive and support the container body,

a retaining member arranged at the resilient portion and configured to engage with the recess, and

a nozzle configured to protrude through the shutter and enter the container body,

the method comprising:

aligning the container body to the container holder such that shutter faces the nozzle and the recess is aligned with the retaining member;

inserting the container body into the container holder to a first position such that the container body displaces the retaining member and the resilient portion from a neutral position;

inserting the container body into the container holder to a second position such that the nozzle enters the shutter; and

inserting the container body into the container holder to a third position such that the nozzle enters the container body, the resilient portion returns to the neutral position, and the retaining member engages with the recess.

Claim 69 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 68, wherein,
the shutter includes a piston and an elastic member, the elastic member forcing the piston away from an interior of the container body, and
the nozzle displaces the piston towards the interior of the container body when the container body is inserted into the container holder to the third position.

Claim 70 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 68, further comprising:
biasing the recess towards the retaining member when the container body is inserted to the third position.

Claim 71 (Previously Presented): The method of claim 70, wherein the biasing includes forcing the container body away from the container holder with a spring.

Claim 72 (Previously Presented): A toner replenishing device for use in an image forming apparatus, comprising:

a toner container including,

a container body configured to store toner,

a recess arranged on the container body, and

a shutter arranged at a mouth of the container body and configured to selectively allow and prevent discharge of the toner from the container body; and
a setting portion including,

a container holder configured to support the toner container,
a retaining member configured to engage with the recess,
a resilient portion configured to support the retaining member and to provide movement of the retaining member from a neutral state, and
a nozzle configured to protrude through the shutter and enter the container body.

Claim 73 (Previously Presented): The toner replenishing device of claim 72, wherein the setting portion further includes a biasing member configured to force the recess towards the retaining member when the recess is engaged with the retaining member.

Claim 74 (Previously Presented): The toner replenishing device of claim 72, further comprising:

a toner conveyance path extending from the toner container;
a toner delivery device configured to withdraw toner from the toner container and to transport the toner along the toner conveyance path; and
an air supplying device configured to supply the toner container with air.

Claim 75 (New): A toner container, comprising:

a container body;
an opening through which toner from the container body is to be discharged;
a support internal to the container body and proximate to the opening;
a movable stopper arranged to seal and unseal the toner container; and
a coil spring disposed between the support and movable stopper which urges the movable stopper to seal the toner container.

Claim 76 (New): A toner container according to claim 75, wherein :
a first end of the support is proximate to the opening, and a second end of the support which is opposite the first end resists the coil spring such that the coil spring urges the movable stopper to seal the toner container.

Claim 77 (New): A toner container according to claim 75, wherein:
the movable stopper is a piston.

Claim 78 (New): A toner container according to claim 77, wherein:
the piston comprises a shaft.

Claim 79 (New): A toner container according to claim 75, wherein:
the movable stopper has at least a portion which is cylindrical in shape and which is structured to seal the toner container.

Claim 80 (New): A toner container according to claim 75, wherein:
the support includes spaced apart members.

Claim 81 (New): A toner container according to claim 80, wherein the spaced apart members extend substantially along an axial direction within the container.

Claim 82 (New): A toner container according to claim 75, wherein:
the support has a structure which was formed separately from the container body.

Claim 83 (New): A toner container according to claim 75, wherein:
a portion of the movable stopper facing outwardly towards an exterior of the toner container has a shape with a recessed center configured to accommodate a nozzle.

Claim 84 (New): A toner container according to claim 75, wherein:
the support comprises a circular hole at a position of the support which is opposite to an end of the support which is proximate to the opening.

Claim 85 (New): A toner container according to claim 84, wherein:
the first end of the coil spring is adjacent to the circular hole of the support; and
a diameter of the coil spring is larger than a diameter of the circular hole of the support.

Claim 86 (New): A toner container according to claim 85, wherein:
the circular hole of the support member is parallel to the opening of the toner container.

Claim 87 (New): A toner container according to claim 75, further comprising:
a seal attached to the toner container, the seal having a hole thererthrough which is aligned with the opening.

Claim 88 (New): A toner container according to claim 87, wherein:
the seal has at least one surface disposed to be exterior to the container body.

Claim 89 (New): A toner container according to claim 88, wherein:

the seal comprises an elastic material.

Claim 90 (New): A toner container according to claim 89, wherein:

the seal comprises a foam sponge.

Claim 91 (New): A toner container according to claim 75, wherein:

the container body comprises resin.

Claim 92 (New): A toner container according to claim 91, further comprising:

a bag disposed within the container body for holding therein toner.

Claim 93 (New): A toner container according to claim 75, further comprising:

a mouth member secured to the container body.

Claim 94 (New): A toner container according to claim 93, wherein:

the mouth member has a structure which was formed separately from a structure of the container body.

Claim 95 (New): A toner container according to claim 75, further comprising:

toner.

Claim 96 (New): A toner container according to claim 78, further comprising:

toner.

Claim 97 (New): A toner container according to claim 85, further comprising:
toner.

Claim 98 (New): A toner container according to claim 75, further comprising:
a recess positioned at an end of the container body which is opposite to the opening,
the recesses configured to interface with a retaining member of an image forming apparatus,
wherein the recess is located at a surface edge of the second end.

Claim 99 (New): A toner container according to claim 98, wherein,
the end of the container body which is opposite to the opening includes a surface
having at least two edges, and
the recess is located at one of the at least two edges.